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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. An English language Abstract for Japanese Patent Doc. No. 7-36325 (JP '325) is also enclosed. JP '325 may be pertinent for the reasons discussed at page 4 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 5,798,844 is a U.S. counterpart to JP '325.

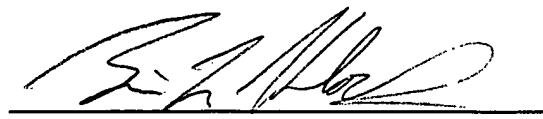
Applicant submits that no fee is required for consideration of this information since it is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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